

May 27, 1941

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF THE 47TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE:

I am returning Senate Bill No. 20 without my approval.

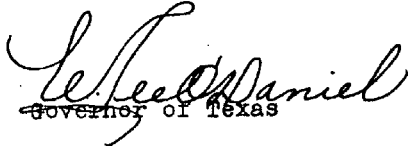
This bill is part of a combination recommendation which I made to the 47th Legislature. My recommendation was for the State Auditor to be appointed by the Legislature instead of by the Governor, and for the Governor to appoint a budget director and efficiency expert, subject to confirmation by two-thirds of the Senate.

The Legislature divided the bill and accepted that part of my recommendation wherein the Governor surrenders his right to appoint the auditor and gives that authority to the Legislature, but refused to follow the remainder of my recommendation and give the Governor an auditor to check into the books and records of all State Departments for the purpose of making out a budget for each ensuing biennium.

In my opinion this Auditor's bill without a Budget Director Bill is almost the final chapter in stripping the Governor of facilities with which to carry out his constitutional duties.

I sincerely regret that this legislation was not enacted, and that it has become necessary for me to veto Senate Bill No. 20, but, in my opinion, the auditing set-up we have now, although very, very bad, is much better than it would be if it were changed as contemplated in Senate Bill No. 20, without at the same time, giving the Governor a Budget Director and Efficiency Expert.

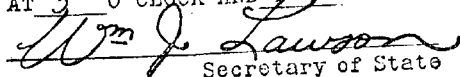
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Governor of Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

THIS 23 DAY OF July 1941

AT 3 O'CLOCK AND 39 MINUTES


Secretary of State

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HOLDINGS OF THE
TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES